Mrs. Rosalie Wylie, Nomenclature Co-ordinator, checking some of the bloom at the Sunset Chapter show.

Mr. Walker Lyon, past president of the AHS and his girl friend. Miss Dixie Ammons is the Sunset Hibiscus Queen and did the ribbon cutting to open the show doors.

SNOW SCALE

Dear Mr. Monroe,

Fortunately for Hibiscus Growers, citrus show scale Unaspis citri does not attack Hibiscus. In Florida it is entirely restricted to citrus species. However, two other species of scale whose males closely resemble citrus snow scale males do attack Hibiscus and is sometimes found on citrus. These are the lesser snow scale, Pinnaspis strachani (Cooley) and fern scale, Pinnaspis aspidistral (Signoret). Their only importance to citrus is that they are often confused with citrus snow scale.

I am enclosing a descriptive sheet to show the three species of scale and how they differ. This may be useful to Hibiscus growers in identification of which species they have. I have found that seven at 1 pound active (2 pound 50 WP or 1-1/4 pound 80 WP) per 100 gallon effective for the control of either lesser snow scale or the fern scale.

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KEY TO SNOW SCALES ON FLORIDA CITRUS

1 FEMALE WHITE TO DIRTY WHITE (INSET FIG. 4):
LESSER SNOW SCALE
PINNASPIS STRACHANI (COOLEY)

1' FEMALE LIGHT BROWN OR BROWN TO BLACKISH BROWN 2

2 FEMALE ARMOR LIGHT BROWN, SMOOTH, WITH MARGIN CONCOLOROUS (INSET FIG. 5):
FERN SCALE
PINNASPIS ASPIDISTRAE (SIGN.)

2' FEMALE ARMOR BROWN TO BLACKISH BROWN, WRINKLED, WITH MARGIN GRAYISH (INSET FIG. 6):
CITRUS SNOW SCALE
UNASPIS CITRI (COMSTOCK)